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SUBJECT: RIOTING BY DISABLED SOLDIERS

REF: IBADAN 402 (NOTAL)

1. VERY FRAGMENTARY REPORTS INDICATE DISABLED SOLDIERS AT OSHODI CAMP (APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FROM IKEJA AIRPORT) WENT ON ONE-TO-TWO HOUR RAMPAGE EVENING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER . TROUBLE TRIGGERED REPORTEDLY WHEN CAMP INMATE STRUCK DOWN BY CIVILIAN AUTO ON ROAD ADJACENT TO COMPOUND. IN ENSUING MELEE, SOLDIERS ISSUED FORTH FROM CAMP AND BEGAN FIRING. SHOOTING, GENERAL SDCMFT AT FIRST, PROBABLY PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT CIVILIANS, THEN DEVELOPED INTO MORE FOCUSSED BATTLE BETWEEN FACTIONS OF SOLDIERS IN CAMP.

2. SEPTEMBER 5 INCIDENT FOLLOWS SIMILAR FRAY SAME PLACE AUG. 27. AGAIN, DETAILS SCARCE. AVAILABLE INFO INDICATES SHOOTING OCCURRED FROM ABOUT 1630 TO 2200 HOURS. THESE DIFFICULTIES SPARKED BY DECISION NEW FMG MUSTER OUT DISABLED VELS WITH TWO MONTHS PAY AND PROMISE TO LOOK INTO MATTER OF POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AT LATER DATE. THIS
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APPARENTLY CONTRASTED WITH UNDERSTANDING AMONG VETS THAT THEY

WOULD BE BETTER TREATED BY A GRATEFUL GOVERNMENT. IN ANY EVENT, VETS CARRIED ON SEVERAL HOUR SMALL ARMS FIRE FIGHT WITH REGULAR ARMY TROOPS DURING COURSE OF WHICH SEVERAL REPORTEDLY WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED.

3. WHY DISABLED VETS STILL ARMED WOMEWHAT OF MYSTERY TO US. ONE REASON GIVEN IN AUGUST WAS THAT VETS, WHILE IN PROCESS BEING MUSTERED OUT, STILL CARRIED ON ACTIVE ROLLS AND HENCE BORE ARMS. SUCH EXPLANATION WOULD BE LESS PLAUSIBLE SECOND TIME AROUND.

4. FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, INCIDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED BY PRESS OR OTHER INFO MEDIA. WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFO AS IT DEVELOPS. INCIDENTS DO NOT APPEAR HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE BEYOND VIOLENT EXPRESSION DISSATISFACTION BY GROUP GF DISABLED NIGERIAN CIVIL ASR VETERANS OVER RETIREMENT BENEFITS BEING OFFERED.
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